

Show that the given sequence is geometric, and find the common ratio.

1. $5, -\frac{5}{4}, \frac{5}{16}, \dots, 5\left(-\frac{1}{4}\right)^{n-1}, \dots$

$r = \frac{-\frac{5}{4}}{5} = -\frac{1}{4}$

$a_n = a_1 r^{n-1}$
 $= 5\left(-\frac{1}{4}\right)^{n-1}$

Recursive
 $a_{k+1} = a_k \cdot r$
explicit
 $a_n = a_1 r^{n-1}$

Find the fifth term, the eighth term, and the nth term of the geometric sequence.

2. $8, 4, 2, 1, \dots$ $r = \frac{4}{8} = \frac{1}{2}$

$a_n = 8\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{n-1}$ explicit

$a_5 = 8\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{5-1} = \frac{8}{16} = \frac{1}{2}$

$a_8 = 8\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{8-1} = \frac{1}{16}$

$a_n = a_1 r^{n-1}$

3. $300, -30, 3, -0.3, \dots$

$r = \frac{-30}{300} = -\frac{1}{10}$

$a_n = 300\left(-\frac{1}{10}\right)^{n-1}$

$a_5 = 300\left(-\frac{1}{10}\right)^4 = \frac{3}{100} = 0.03$

$a_8 = 300\left(-\frac{1}{10}\right)^7 = -0.0003$

4. $5, 25, 125, 625, \dots$

$r = \frac{25}{5} = 5$

$a_n = 5(5)^{n-1}$

$a_5 = 5^5 = 3125$

$a_8 = 5^8 = 390,625$

5. $4, -6, 9, -13.5, \dots$

$r = \frac{-6}{4} = -1.5$

$a_n = 4(-1.5)^{n-1}$

$a_5 = 4(-1.5)^4 = 20.25$

$a_8 = 4(-1.5)^7 = -68.34375$

6. $1, -x^2, x^4, -x^6, \dots$

$r = \frac{-x^2}{1} = -x^2$

$a_n = 1(-x^2)^{n-1}$

$a_5 = x^8$

$a_8 = -x^{14}$

7. $2, 2^{x+1}, 2^{2x+1}, 2^{3x+1}, \dots$

$r = \frac{2^{x+1}}{2^1} = 2^{x+1-1} = 2^x$

$a_n = 2(2^x)^{n-1}$

$a_5 = 2^{4x+1}$ $2 \cdot 2^{4x}$

$a_8 = 2^{7x+1}$

Find all possible values of r for a geometric sequence with the two given terms.

8. $a_4 = 3, a_6 = 9$

$a_6 = a_1 r^5; a_4 = a_1 r^3$
 $9 = a_1 r^5; 3 = a_1 r^3$
 $\frac{9}{r^5} = a_1; \frac{3}{r^3} = a_1$

$\frac{9}{r^5} = \frac{3}{r^3}$
 $9r^3 = 3r^5$
 $3 = r^2$
 $\pm\sqrt{3} = r$

- or -
 $r^{6-4} = \frac{9}{3}$
 $r^2 = 3$
 $r = \pm\sqrt{3}$

9. Find the seventh term of the geometric sequence whose second and third terms are 2 and $-\sqrt{2}$.

$$r = \frac{-\sqrt{2}}{2}; \quad a_1 = \frac{a_2}{r} = \frac{-2}{-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}} = -2\sqrt{2}$$

$$a_7 = -2\sqrt{2} \left(-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right)^6 = \frac{-\sqrt{2}}{4}$$

10. Given a geometric sequence with $a_4 = 4$ and $a_7 = 12$, find r and a_{10} .

$$4 = a_1 r^3 \rightarrow \frac{4}{r^3} = a_1$$

$$12 = a_1 r^6 \rightarrow \frac{12}{r^6} = a_1$$

$$\frac{4}{r^3} = \frac{12}{r^6} \rightarrow r^3 = 3$$

$$r = \sqrt[3]{3}$$

$$a_{10} = a_7 r^3 = 12 (\sqrt[3]{3})^3 = 12(3) = 36$$

$$a_n = \frac{4}{3} (\sqrt[3]{3})^{n-1} = \frac{4}{3} (\sqrt[3]{3})^{10-1} = 36$$

Find the sum. $a_1 = 3; a_2 = 9; r = \frac{9}{3} = 3$

11. $\sum_{k=1}^{10} 3^k$

$$S_n = a_1 \cdot \frac{1-r^n}{1-r}$$

$$= 3 \cdot \frac{1-3^{10}}{1-3}$$

$$= 3 \cdot \frac{-59,048}{-2} = 88,572$$

12. $\sum_{k=1}^9 (-\sqrt{5})^k$

$$= -\sqrt{5} \cdot \frac{1-(-\sqrt{5})^9}{1-(-\sqrt{5})}$$

$$= -\sqrt{5} \cdot \frac{1+625\sqrt{5}}{1+\sqrt{5}} \cdot \frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{1-\sqrt{5}}$$

$$= \frac{3124\sqrt{5}-3120}{-4} = 780-781\sqrt{5}$$

13. $\sum_{k=0}^9 \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)^{k+1}$

rewrite $= -\sum_{k=1}^{10} \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)^k = -\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1-\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)^{10}}{1-\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)}$

$$= -\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1023}{1024} = \frac{-341}{1024}$$

Express the sum in terms of summation notation.

14. $2 + 4 + 8 + 16 + 32 + 64 + 128$

$$2^1 + 2^2 + 2^3 + 2^4 + 2^5 + 2^6 + 2^7$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^7 2^n$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^7 a_1 r^{n-1} = 2 \cdot 2^{n-1} = 2^{1+n-1} = 2^n$$

15. $\frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{12} + \frac{1}{36} - \frac{1}{108}$

$$\frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{1}{3^2} - \frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{1}{3^3}$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^4 \frac{1}{4} \left(-\frac{1}{3}\right)^{n-1}$$

Find the sum of the infinite geometric series if it exists.

16. $1 - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{8} + \dots$

if $|r| < 1$
 $S = \frac{a_1}{1-r}$

$$a_1 = 1$$

$$r = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$S = \frac{1}{1+\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{2}{3}$$

17. $1.5 + 0.015 + 0.00015 + \dots$

$$a_1 = 1.5$$

$$r = .01$$

$$S = \frac{1.5}{1-.01} = \frac{50}{33}$$

18. $256 + 192 + 144 + 108 + \dots$

$$a_1 = 256$$

$$r = \frac{192}{256} = \frac{3}{4}$$

$$S = \frac{256}{1-\frac{3}{4}} = 1024$$

19. Find the geometric mean of 12 and 48.

$$\frac{x}{12} = \frac{48}{x}$$

$$x^2 = 576$$

$$x = 24$$

12, 24, 48

geo mean
of a:b = \sqrt{ab}

20. Insert two geometric means between 4 and 500.

4, 20, 100, 500

$$a_1 r^{n-1} = a_n$$

$$4 r^3 = 500$$

$$r^3 = 125$$

$$r = 5$$

21. If a deposit of \$100 is made on the first day of each month into an account that pays 6% interest per year compounded monthly, determine the amount in the account after 18 years.

$P(1 + \frac{R}{n})^k$ → # of compounding periods for each deposit → $k = 18 \cdot 12 = 216$

$$a_k = 100 \left(1 + \frac{0.06}{12}\right)^k = 100(1.005)^k$$

ratio

$$S_n = a_1 \frac{(1-r^n)}{(1-r)}$$

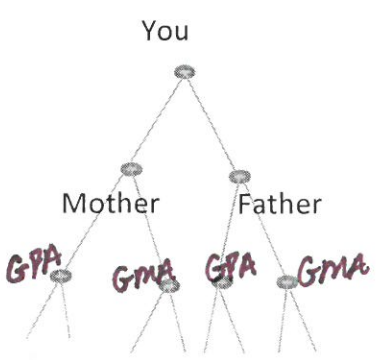
$$S_{216} = a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_{216}$$

$$= 100(1.005) + 100(1.005)^2 + \dots + 100(1.005)^{216}$$

$$= 100(1.005) \cdot \frac{(1 - (1.005)^{216})}{(1 - (1.005))}$$

$$= \frac{100(1.005)^k}{a_1} \approx 38,929.00$$

22. Shown in the figure is a family tree displaying the current generation (you) and 3 prior generations, with a total of 12 grandparents. If you were to trace your family history back 10 generations, how many grandparents would you find?



2 generations = 4 grandparents = 2^2

3 generations = 8 grandparents = 2^3

n generations = 2^n " " "

$$\begin{array}{r} 4 \\ +8 \\ \hline 12 \end{array}$$

$$\sum_{k=2}^{10} 2^k = \sum_{k=1}^9 2^{k+1}$$

$$S_n = a_1 \frac{1-r^n}{1-r}$$

$$= 4 \cdot \frac{(1-2^9)}{1-2}$$

$$= 2044$$

10 generations = $2^{10} = 1024$